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TAGS: PGOV, SY, US, PLO

SUBJECT: UNSC RESOLUTION 242 AND THE PALESTINIANS

REF: DAMASCUS 3442

1. FONMIN KHADDAM SUMMONED ME AT 1030 LOCAL JUNE 11 AND MADE FOLLOWING PRESENTATION: HE SAID THAT DURING PRESIDENT CARTER'S MEETING WITH PRESIDENT ASSAD IN GENEVA, THE POSITION OF THE PLO VIS-A-VIS UNSC RESOLUTION 242 HAD BEEN DISCUSSED AND SPECIFICALLY MODIFICATION OF THE RESOLUTION BY HAVING THE EXPRESSION "NATIONAL RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE" SUBSTITUTED FOR THE WORD "REFUGEES". KHADDAM SAID THIS SUBJECT HAD BEEN DISCUSSED WITH ARAFAT, BUT SYRIANS NOW WISHED TO DISCUSS IT MORE BROADLY WITH PLO LEADERSHIP. BEFORE DOING SO, SYRIA WISHED TO KNOW WHAT STEPS ARE ENVISAGED TO ACCOMPLISH THIS MODIFICATION IN UNSC RESOLUTION 242. "WE LOOK FORWARD TO RECEIVING WASHINGTON'S PROPOSALS", HE CONCLUDED.

2. KHADDAM WOULD PROVIDE NO DETAILS ON MEETING WITH ARAFAT. HE ALSO BRUSHED ASIDE MY COMMENT THAT I WAS NOT SURE SUBJECT HAD BEEN DISCUSSED BY THE TWO

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PRESIDENTS IN QUITE THESE TERMS BY SAYING THAT HE HAD BEEN THERE.

3. COMMENT: ON REVIEWING REFERENCE, I NOTE THAT KHADDAM HAS CHOSEN TO IGNORE AMBASSADOR MURPHY'S SPECIFIC DENIAL THAT ANY FORMAL AMENDMENT OF SC RES 242 WAS ENVISAGED. HE ALSO APPARENTLY INTENDS TO

BROADEN DISCUSSION OF THIS SUBJECT TO INCLUDE OTHER  
PALESTINIANS BESIDES ARAFAT. HIS TRANSLATOR ABU  
FARES (OF PALESTINIAN ORIGIN) WAS PRESENT THROUGHOUT  
THIS DISCUSSION. IT ALSO SEEMS CLEAR FROM FACT THAT  
HE CALLED ME IN THAT HE WISHES OUR DISCUSSIONS  
ON THIS SUBJECT TO BE WITH HIM RATHER THAN DAOUDI  
IN PRESIDENCY. REQUESTS INSTRUCTIONS. PELLETREAU

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